

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3065

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES NL (HINDS, ELMA T.)  
SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS ELMA T. HINDS

### CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. AMSTERDAM UNDERTAKER REPORTS THAT DURING THE NIGHT OF MAY 5 AND EARLY HOURS OF MAY 6 HE RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM A SENATOR AND A CONGRESSMAN INQUIRING IN THE DELAY OF SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS OF MRS. HINDS. UNDERTAKER DOES NOT RECALL NAMES OF INQUIRERS.

2. REPORTEDLY THEY HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES NEW YORK THAT THE AIRLINE WAS READY TO SHIP THE REMAINS AND ACCORDING TO THE CARRIER S NEW YORK OFFICE THERE WERE NO COMPLICATIONS PREVENTING EARLY SHIPMENT.

3. PRESENT DELAY IS CAUSED BY FACT THAT MRS. HINDS DID NOT DIE IN THE NETHERLANDS BUT WHILE ABOARD PLANE. CAPTAIN OF KLM PLANE MUST EXECUTE SWORN STATEMENT WHICH IS TO BE LEGALIZED BY AMSTERDAM DISTRICT COURT. THEREAFTER DEATH MUST BE REGISTERED BY MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IN THE HAGUE AND FINALLY TOWN HALL OF THE HAGUE WILL ISSUE DUTCH DEATH CERTIFICATE.

4. POST COMMUNICATED WITH OFFICER IN CHARGE WITH KLM LEGAL DEPARTMENT TODAY AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE PROCEDURE AND RESULTING DELAY.

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5. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SHIPMENT MAY BE MADE ON MAY 7 AT THE EARLIEST. POST WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS ETA OF REMAINS IN NEW YORK BECOME KNOWN. EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO EXPEDITE SHIPMENT.  
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